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SUBJECT: EC MONITORING OF SHOE IMPORTS

REF: EC BRUSSELS 378 (NOTAL)

1. THE EC COMMISSION IN A DECISION OF MARCH 13 (PUBLISHED IN OFFICIAL JOURNAL L90 OF APRIL 11) DIRECTED MEMBER STATES TO REPORT ON A MONTHLY BASIS THE QUANTITIES OF SHOES WITH LEATHER UPPERS FALLING WITHIN CXT HEADING 64.02A. THE COMMISSION IN EXPLANATION OF ITS DECISION, STATES THAT "IMPORTS OF SHOES INTO THE COMMUNITY HAVE INCREASED CONSIDERABLY IN RECENT YEARS AND ARE AFFECTING A PARTICULARLY SENSITIVE SECTOR OF COMMUNITY INDUSTRY."

2. IN 1973 SPAIN WAS THE LEADING EXTRA-EC SUPPLIER TO THE SIX, IN BOTH QUANTITY AND VALUE. IN VALUE TERMS SWITZERLAND WAS SECOND; BUT IN QUANTITY, POLAND.

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WE UNDERSTAND THAT IMPORTS FROM EASTERN EUROPE HAVE

BEEN GROWING, PARTICULARLY IN THE UK MARKET.

3. ACCORDING TO AN OFFICIAL IN THE COMMISSION'S
DIRECTORATE GENERAL FOR INDUSTRY, THE STUDY OF THE
EUROPEAN SHOE INDUSTRY REFERRED TO IN REFTTEL IS GOING
TO COMMISSIONER SPINELLI ONLY THIS WEEK. THE COM-
MISSION'S DECISION TO MONITOR IMPORTS WAS TAKEN IN
ADVANCE OF AND INDEPENDENTLY OF THAT STUDY'S RECOMMEND-
ATIONS. THE DECISION DOES PERMIT THE SHOE IMPORT
SITUATION TO BE WATCHED ON A MORE NEARLY CURRENT
BASIS, AND IT IS A VEILED WARNING TO THE EC'S SUPPLIERS.
BUT IN THE MAIN, IT IS A SOP TO THE TROUBLED EC SHOE
INDUSTRY. THE ACTION THUS RESEMBLES THE UK'S INSTI-
TUTION OF A TEXTILE MONITORING SYSTEM. MYERSON

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